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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CROWN PRINCE & PRINCESSES)
SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESSES TO VISIT U.S.

1. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE FROM OUR INDIRECT SOUNDINGS
AT THE PALACE, IT APPEARS THE VICE PRESIDENT DID NOT BRING
UP POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. OF CROWN PRINCE OR THE PRINCESSES.

2. AS YOU KNOW, MAJOR PUBLICITY IS BEING GIVEN HERE TO PRC
INVITATION FOR ROYAL FAMILY TO VISIT CHINA. I BELIEVE WE
SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER CONVEYING SOON TO THEIR MAJESTIES USG
INTEREST IN FACILITATING PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S. BY EITHER
THE CROWN PRINCE AND/OR THE PRINCESSES. MY THOUGHT WOULD
BE TO USE OCCASION OF MY FAREWELL CALL ON THEIR MAJESTIES
TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT, INDICATING OUR READINESS TO ARRANGE
SUCH A VISIT IF THE CROWN PRINCE OR THE PRINCESSES WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN TRAVELLING TO U.S.

3. OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO DELAY APPROACHING
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PALACE ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL AFTER MORT ABRAMOWITZ
ARRIVES AND HAS PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS. HOWEVER,
THIS WOULD MEAN CONSIDERABLE DELAY AT A TIME WHEN THERE
IS SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE IN GETTING OUR OFFER ON THE
RECORD EARLY (AND HOPEFULLY INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN).
MORT COULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS
ARRIVAL IF THE RESPONSE FROM THE PALACE WAS FAVORABLE.

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